

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, before the first paragraph and after the paragraph added on page 1, above line, by the April 7, 2005 Preliminary Amendment, please insert the following paragraph:

- - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - -

On page 1, after the paragraph entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" added above, please insert the following paragraph:

- - 1. Field Of The Invention - -

On page 2, between the first and second paragraphs, please insert the following paragraph:

- - 2. The Prior Art - -

On page 2, before the first full paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

- - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - -

On page 5, before the first full paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

- - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS - -

On page 6, before the last full paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

- - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS - -

On page 7, please replace the first full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - In the embodiment shown, the inner hub is configured in two parts. A first element 10a and a second element 11a are disposed on the central inner hub axis 9, essentially one behind the other. The two elements 10a and 11a, which together form the inner hub 4, are alternately provided with projections 26 and recesses 25, which engage in one another like claws, as shown in the cross-sectional view of Fig. 2. In this connection, the projections of the two elements 10a and 11a rest against one another with a positive lock, in the tangential direction. A first inner running groove 12 is formed in the projections of the first element 10a, in each instance, while second running grooves 13 are provided in the projections of the second element 11a. - -

On pages 9-10, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9-10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - In the second embodiment of the Rzeppa joint \pm 1' shown in ~~Fig.~~ FIGS. 5 to 8, the fundamental structure is extensively the same as that of the first embodiment described above. In the Rzeppa joint \pm 1' according to the second embodiment, however, only four balls 6 are accommodated in the cage 5, while according to the first embodiment, eight balls 6 are inserted in the pairs of running grooves and the cage 5. - -

On page 10, please replace the second full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - In addition, the inner hub \pm 4' is configured as the end of a shaft 22, as is particularly evident from ~~Figs.~~ FIGS. 5 and 7. To connect the elements 10b and 11b, which jointly form the inner hub \pm 4', a passage bore 23 is provided in the first element 10b, to allow the threaded bolt 16 to pass through, while a threaded bore 24 is made in the second element 11b of the inner hub \pm 4', into which the threaded bolt 16 can be screwed. - -

On page 10-11, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 10-11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - In the following, the assembly of the Rzeppa joint 1, 1', will now be explained, which is the same for the two embodiments shown. First, the cage 5 is introduced into the outer hub 7, in that the axis of the cage 5 is aligned essentially at a right angle to the outer hub axis. If the number of balls 6 that are set into the running grooves of the inner hub 4, 4' and the outer hub 7 is a whole-number multiple of four, a first outer running groove 18 always lies opposite a first outer running groove 18 of the outer hub 7. Two outer running grooves 18 or 19, respectively, that lie opposite one another, therefore point in the same direction with their larger opening, i.e. the end of the running grooves whose track base is farthest removed from the outer hub. In this manner, the cage 5 can be inserted into a pair of outer running grooves and pivoted in the outer hub 7 in such a manner that the axis of the cage lies above that of the outer hub, essentially with the same coverage. - -

On pages 11-12, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 11-12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - Once all the balls 6 have been introduced into the cage 5 and the outer hub 7, respectively, the inner hub 4, 4' is mounted in the Rzeppa joint 1, 1', in that the first element 10a or 10b is guided into the cage 5 from the drive side end 2, 2', while the second element 11a or 11b is inserted into the first element 10a or 10b from the power take-off side end 3, 3' of the Rzeppa joint 1, 1'. The projections of the two elements 10a, 10b and 11a, 11b, respectively, engage in one another like claws in this connection. For axial fixation of the two elements, the threaded bolt 16 is guided through the passage bore 23 of the first element 10a or 10b, and screwed into the threaded bore 24 of the second element 11a or 11b. - -

On page 12, please replace the last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - The insertion of the two elements 10a, 10b and 11a, 11b, respectively, into the Rzeppa joint 1, 1', is made possible in that the inner running grooves 12 and 13 face in the opposite directions with their largest opening, i.e. the end at which the track base most closely approaches the inner hub axis 9. The balls 6 are therefore reliably introduced into the inner running grooves 12 and 13, respectively. - -